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**SOURCE** High official of large US chemical manufacturing firm.

2. On 16 Jan 52 I had a personal conversation with Mr. (fun) Vesugar, who is a Hindu and former Indian ambassador to Argentina. He is currently in the US and has retired from the service of his country to look after his personal business interests. We have employed Vesugar on a retainer basis to conduct certain chemical surveys for us in India.
3. During our conversation Vesugar, who appeared intelligent and well informed, told me that in his opinion the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem was behind all the troubles now plaguing the Middle East. Vesugar believes that the Mufti is in the pay of the USSR; that he engineered the assassination of Abdullah; and that through certain Mullahs in Iran, he has been able to keep the spirit of nationalism boiling in that country; and that in all probability he has had a detrimental influence on the current Egyptian situation and also even the situation in Tunisia.
4. I questioned Vesugar's statement on the basis that many Iranian Moslems are of a different sect and would therefore not follow the Mufti's line on religious matters. Vesugar agreed to this, but stated emphatically that the Grand Mufti is head man in the Moslem world on political matters and that regardless of religious differences, he would be listened to on matters of politics.

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